

Almost Thirty Thousand Members of "The Knights of The White Light", or The Ku Klux Klan, Assembled at Ninety-Fifth Street and Seventy-First Avenue Last Saturday Night, and It Is Said That Before They Dispersed That Plans Were Laid to Wade Into the Jewish and Roman Catholic Candidates at the Forthcoming Election in Cook County.

MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN MARCHED INTO THE IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH LAST SUNDAY EVENING AND LAID MORE THAN TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS DOWN ON THE TABLE. ITS PASTOR, THE REV. JOHNSTON MYERS, HAS BEEN NOTED FOR SOME YEARS AS BEING UNFRIENDLY TO COLORED PEOPLE.

It was stated in these columns several weeks ago that "Knights of the White Light" or the Ku Klux Klan were becoming stronger every day in all parts of the country north of the Mason and Dixon Line; that unless they were checked some way or other that they would soon become very bold and more powerful than the United States Government itself, and right at the present time they are getting ready in many parts of this country to plunge headlong into politics and defeat every candidate for office who fails to fall down on his hands and knees and worship at their feet and all signs seem to indicate that human blood will flow as free as water in all parts of this country before the members of the "Knights of the White Light" or the Ku Klux Klan are routed and driven from political power in the United States. Here in Chicago as in all the large cities of the north the Ku Klux Klan are in the saddle and seemingly no one or no set of men holding political positions are willing to attempt to check their onward march for last Saturday evening it is said that between twenty-five to thirty thousand Ku Klux Klansmen, wearing red arm bands, their white robes, cowls and masks covering their eyes and with red crosses on their breasts, assembled on a large farm at Ninety-fifth Street and Seventy-first Avenue, where almost five thousand new members were initiated into the blood-stained order, before they pulled off their all night stunt. The daily newspapers gave it plenty of airing through their columns, nevertheless no one attempted to stop them nor to interfere with them.

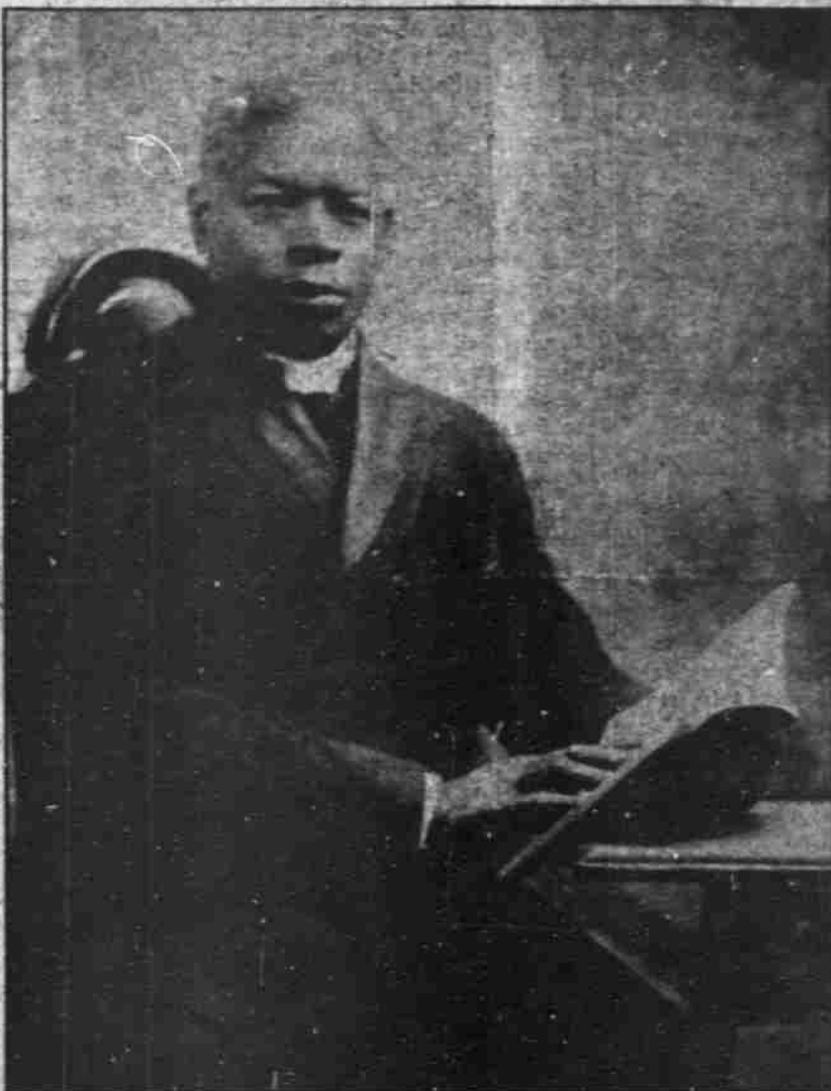
Some claim that plans were evolved at that great meeting of the Klan in wade into every Jewish and Roman Catholic candidate seeking the votes of the people at the forthcoming election in Cook County in November.

On Sunday evening following the big doings on the part of the Ku Klux Klan, by prearrangement as it appears on its face, about five hundred

members of the Klan boldly marched into the Immanuel Baptist church, Twenty-third and South Michigan Avenue with their faces hidden by masks wearing the red cross on the breasts, and the K. K. K., they marched by the altar in single file and deposited more than \$1,200 on it, the daily newspapers had evidently been informed in advance as to what would be pulled off at that time for they were there just in time to snap some pictures of the members of the Klan just as they were emerging from the church.

It will be recalled that Rev. Johnston Myers, the present mossback pastor of Immanuel Baptist church, came to this city to reside from either Cincinnati, Ohio, or from some part of Kentucky in 1893, that shortly after he assumed the pastorate of that church he let the Baptist world know that he did not want any colored Baptists to worship in that church, and it is claimed that he absolutely refused to baptize a small innocent baby simply because it was black in the face, it is further claimed that this holy man of God intimidated from his race prejudice pulpit that he firmly believed in mob and lynch law for colored men who were charged with attempting to rape white women, that the colored people should at all times be segregated in every possible way and it will be further recalled that shortly after the race riots in this city in 1919, that according to the daily press that Rev. Johnston Myers was dead anxious to become one of Governor Lowden's race commissioners, presumably so that he would be in a far better position to strike at the manhood rights of the colored people and the chances are ten to one that Rev. Myers is some kind of an honored member of the "Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

Notwithstanding all of the foregoing the vast majority of the colored Baptist preachers in this neck of the woods worship Rev. Johnston Myers as their white Baptist god.



BISHOP W. SAMPSON BROOKS

One of the Most Prominent and Powerful Orators Connected With the Great A. M. E. Church, Who Will, This Coming Sunday Morning, August 27, Preach at Quinn Chapel, 24th Street and Wabash Avenue, and on Monday Evening, August 28th, He Will Deliver His Famous Lecture at Quinn Chapel on "Africa." Free Admission.

KU KLUX KLAN BITTER ISSUE IN ATLANTA FIGHT

Chief of Police, Candidate for Mayor, Challenges Rivals, Out Fight Any Influence Order Seeks to Exert in Politics

Atlanta, Ga.—The Ku Klux Klan has brought a serious issue into the race for Mayor of Atlanta since Chief of Police Beavers has issued a challenge to Councilman Walter Sims, alleged Klan candidate, and to others to show their colors.

"I want to challenge every one of my opponents for the office of Mayor to make public his stand on certain matters, as I am now doing," Beavers said.

"I hereby announce my stand with regards to the Ku Klux Klan. I am absolutely and unalterably against any and every attempt by the Klan to control, influence or enter into politics in this city, this state or this nation.

"I am firmly convinced that the influence of the Klan on the public mind is a bad influence; and I have no doubt whatever that bad actions are attributable to the Klan in this country, in this state and even this city, though direct proof may not have been brought forward.

"I am unalterably and forever an upholder of the law of the city, state and nation, unimpaired with by any secret order under whatever guise of aiding the officers of the law, or under whatever pose of 100 per cent Americanism.

"And now I challenge each and every one of my opponents for the office of mayor to declare themselves as plainly as I have done with reference to the same matters.

"It is current talk that one of my opponents, Walter Sims, is a candidate favorable to the Klan and supported by it. If that is so, let him say it. If it is not true, if he is not a member of the Klan and not having its support, let him state it. Let them all say where they stand.

The Ku Klux Klan is an issue in this campaign; and I am out to see that the issue is not dodged. Face to face I will meet any member of the Klan, or every member of the Klan, and say what I am saying here—that if I am elected mayor I will use every proper and lawful means in my power to fight any improper influence the Klan may seek to exert in politics, or any hand it may seek to take in the affairs of this city or of its humblest citizens."

CONGRESSMAN DYER SCORES NORTHERN NEGROES FOR APATHY ON ANTI-LYNCHING BILL

"Northern Negroes, feeding safe from lynchers, are not doing their utmost in the fight to secure passage of the anti-lynching bill which will put an end to lynching in this country," declared Congressman L. C. Dyer, of Missouri, father of the anti-lynching bill, according to a letter from him to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"If all the Negroes of the North would throw themselves vigorously into the fight, the bill would be passed and a death blow struck to the barbarism of mobs. I think it would be well for you to issue a special appeal to the colored people in all the states where they have votes to get busy and write letters and telegrams to the

Republican United States Senators urging them to pass the anti-lynching bill before this session of the Senate adjourns," Mr. Dyer continued.

James Weldon Johnson, in referring to Mr. Dyer's statement, said: "I want to back up as strongly as I can what Mr. Dyer says. We have had much loyal support from colored people throughout the country, but it has not been as great and united as it should be. We are facing a most critical situation on the Dyer bill. Having been reported out by the Senate Judiciary Committee, it is up to us to show the Senate that the bill must be passed before this session of the Senate adjourns. The Tariff bill is now to be voted on, by unanimous agreement, on August 19th. We must all work to have the anti-lynching bill brought to a vote before the November elections. We must keep the wires hot until the bill is passed."

KU KLUX KLAN DENOUNCED BY THE HIBERNIANS

Atlantic City, N. J.—At the recent conference of the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians held here a resolution was passed and adopted denouncing the pernicious activities of the Ku Klux Klan in America. The resolution declared that the "Ku Klux Klan challenges our Catholic citizenship and should be opposed by aggressive intellectual power," and urged organization of all Irish-American Catholics to combat the evils of the Klan.

BISHOP W. SAMPSON BROOKS CONTINUES TO COLLECT MONEY RIGHT AND LEFT IN CHICAGO FOR HIS GREAT CHURCH AND EDUCATIONAL WORK IN AFRICA.

MRS. A. J. CAREY, THE HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED WIFE OF BISHOP A. J. CAREY, HAS CONTRIBUTED FIFTY DOLLARS TO BISHOP BROOKS.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONGRESS WHICH MET AT QUINN CHAPEL LAST WEEK AIDED HIM TO THE EXTENT OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Bishop W. Sampson Brooks, who is one of the most eloquent preachers and one of the most honorable preachers connected with the great A. M. E. Church, who has been the president of the A. M. E. Church since Jan. 1, 1921, as stated last week in these columns, has been spending some time in this city collecting funds for the purpose of aiding him in his church and educational work in Africa.

He has been holding meetings in the various A. M. E. churches throughout the city and so far the following churches have responded to his call for money to aid in his wonderful and lasting work in Africa.

Bethel Church, Rev. S. L. Birt, pastor, three hundred and sixty dollars; the Grant Memorial Church, Rev. T. J. Scott, pastor, one hundred dollars; the A. M. E. Church, Glenwood, one hundred dollars; the Ebenezer Church, Evanston, Ill., Rev. R. E. Wilson, pastor, one hundred dollars; Wayman Chapel, Rev. B. U. Taylor, pastor, one hundred and ten dollars; St. Stephens, Rev. T. Reeves, pastor, one hundred and ten dollars; St. Mary's, Rev. Harvey, pastor, two hundred and fifty-one dollars; the Institutional Church, Rev. Johnson, pastor, one hundred and fifty dollars; Mr. Lainer, member of St. Mary's Church, fifty dollars; Hyde Park A. M. E. Church, Rev. Goddard, pastor, ten dollars; the Young People's Congress, five hundred dollars; Mrs. A. J. Carey, the charming and highly educated wife of Bishop A. J. Carey, fifty dollars.

This is a pretty good showing and Bishop Brooks is well pleased with the way that his many old friends are rallying to his support but he still feels that he must do much better than that as he wants to raise at least thirty thousand dollars on his tour through the country, which amount would greatly aid him to go forward with his mission work in Africa.

Bishop Brooks, who has been one of our warmest friends for more than 20 years, will preach at Quinn Chapel this coming Sunday morning and on Monday evening, August 28, he will lecture at Quinn Chapel on Africa. No charge for admission.

MASONS PASS STRONG RESOLUTION ENDORSING DYER BILL

At the International Conference of the Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, etc., Prince Hall Masons of the United States representing some 150,000 Masons, at their meeting in Washington, D. C., the first part of August, passed strong resolutions calling on the United States Senate to pass without delay the Dyer Anti-Lynching bill to "correct certain abuses and barbarous treatment meted out to the citizens of this Republic." The resolutions called upon the Senate to take "step not only to end the disgrace of mob violence but to remove this blot from the name of America, because 'in foreign countries the belief is common the United States government is indifferent to punish the offenders and we regret that the reports on lynching will tend to lower the respect and esteem which the nations enjoy'."

The resolutions were signed by E. H. Holmes, Grand Master of the State of Washington; E. I. Moore, Grand Master of Kansas; and A. A. Schumacher, Grand Secretary, who proposed the Committee on Resolutions. Copies of the resolutions have been forwarded to Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States; Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, Republican Leader, and Samuel M. Shortridge, of California, who is to lead the fight to pass the Dyer bill.

UNUSUAL CONVICTION BY GEORGIA COURT

Tifton, Ga.—There was an unusual conviction in Worth Superior Court this week that of a white man charged with assault with intent to commit rape, the victim being a Negro girl, about 14 years old. The jury found him guilty and fixed his sentence from two to three years in the penitentiary.

His name is A. P. Cox, and he is 28 or 29 years old, with a wife and several children.

COLORED GIRL IS APPONTED

Washington—Through the efforts of Senators Curtis and Cooper, Miss Capitola Tipton, a highly educated young colored woman, has been given

an important position in the office of the Register of the Treasury in Washington.

Miss Tipton is a graduate of the Kansas State Normal School at Emporia. Her home is at Parsons, Kan.

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